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On July 31 poloff delivered Ref A demarche to Kwak Sam-jin, Deputy Director of the Middle East Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Kwak said the ROKG fully supported the International Compact with Iraq and would work on releasing its own statement supporting the compact. Kwak stated that Iraq Compact issues were currently being handled by two offices at MOFAT -- the International Economic Affairs Bureau and the Middle East Division (Ref B) -- thus an immediate statement could not be released until it was determined which division or bureau would take the lead. Kwak wondered if other nations, beside the U.S., UK, and Iraq, had released statements.
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